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Hello Ms. Fullager,

I am writing to provide information about the aquatic weeds portion of EPA's response to ODEQ's 2012 303(d) list. It appears that the Oregon Invasive Species Hotline data was used to identify a handful of areas that have invasive water primrose in Oregon. In fact, many more waterbodies are dominated by invasive water primrose throughout the Willamette, and much better, more thorough datasets exist for this plant. For example, Willamette Riverkeeper and PSU have been surveying the river and identifying sites for a few years and have identified dozens of oxbow lakes, sloughs and side channels dominated by invasive water primroses.

OPRD manages one of the sites EPA is suggesting be added to the 303(d) list due to aquatic weeds, Mission Lake. Since this is only one of many water primrose-dominated waterbodies in the Willamette, and even in this reach of the Willamette, I wanted to make sure that you had the best, most thorough information available about other locations to make sure that determination of new 303(d) sites based on aquatic weeds is fair and scientifically sound.

Thank you, and let me know if there is any additional information I can provide that would be helpful.

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